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(Copyright, 1893) CHAPTER V.

"These ruffians have seized her. They will kill her," I cried.

Duroc sprang down with the inarticulate shouts of one whose reason had left him. He struck the door so frantically with his naked hand that he left a blotch of blood with every blow.

"Here is the key," I shouted, picking one from the floor. "She must have thrown it in at the instant she was torn away."

My companion snatched it from me with a shriek of joy. A moment later he dashed it down on the lock. It was so small that it was lost in the enormous lock. Duroc sank upon one of the boxes with his head between his hands. He sobbed in his despair. I could have sobbed, too, when I thought of the woman and how helpless we were to save her.

But I am not so easily baffled. After all, this key must have been sent to us for a purpose. The lady could not bring us that of the door because this murderous stepfather of hers would most certainly have it in his pocket. Yet this other key must have a meaning, or why should she risk her life to place it in our hands. It would say little for our wits if we could not find out what that meaning might be.

I set to work moving all the cases out from the wall, and Duroc, gaining new hope from my energy, helped me with all his strength. It was no light task, for many of them were large and heavy. On we went, working like maniacs, slinging barrels and boxes and boxes pell-mell into the middle of the room. At last there only remained one huge barrel of vodka, which stood in the corner. With our united strength we rolled it out and there was a little, low wooden door in the wainscot behind it. The key fitted, and with a cry of de-



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light we saw it swing open before us. With the lamp in my hand I squeezed my way in, followed by my companion. We were in the powder magazine of the castle—a rough-walled cellar, with barrels all around it, and one with the stop laid in the center. The powder from it lay in a black heap on the floor. Beyond there was another door, but it was locked.

"We are no better off than before," cried Duroc. "We have no key."

"We have a dozen," I cried.

"Where?"

I pointed to the line of powder barrels.

"You would blow this door open?"

"Precisely."

"But you would explode the magazine."

"It was true, but I was not at the end of my resources."

"We shall blow open the store-room door," I cried.

I ran back and seized a tin box which had been filled with candles. It was about the size of my bushy—large enough to hold several pounds of powder. Duroc filled it while I cut off the end of a candle. When we had finished it would have puzzled a colonel of engineers to make a better pistol. I put three charges on top of each other and placed it above them so as to leave it against the lock. Then we lit our candles and ran for shelter, shutting the door of the magazine behind us.

It was no joke, my friends, to lie among all those tons of powder, with the knowledge that if the flame of the explosion should penetrate through one thin door our blackened limbs would be shot higher than the castle gable. Who could have believed that a half-inch of candle could take so long to burn? My ears were straining all the time for the thudding of the hoots of the Cossacks who were coming to destroy us. I had almost made up my mind that the candle must have gone out when there was a smack like a bursting bomb. Our door flew to bits, and pieces of cheese with a shower of turnips, apples and splinters of cases were shot in among us. As we rushed out we had to stagger through an impenetrable smoke, with all sorts of debris beneath our feet, but there was a glimmering square where the dark door had been. The petard had done its work.

In fact, it had done more for us than we had ventured to hope. It had shattered the door as well as the wall. The first thing that I saw as I came out was a man with a butcher's ax in his hand, lying flat on his back with a gaping wound across his forehead. The sound was a huge dog with two of its legs broken twirling in among upon the floor. As it reared itself I saw the broken ends flapping like flags. At the same instant I heard a cry, and there was Duroc thrashing against the wall with the other woman's teeth in his throat. He pushed it off with his left hand, while again and again he passed his head through its body, but it was not until I blew out my brains with my pistol that the iron jaws relaxed and the fierce, bloodshot eyes were gazed in death.

There was no time for us to pause. A woman's scream from in front—a scream of mortal terror that told us even now we might be too late.

There were two other men in the hall, but they were away from our drawn swords and furious faces.

The blood was streaming from Duroc's neck and dyeing the gray fur of his pelisse. Such was the lady's fate, however, that he shot in front of me, and it was only over his shoulder that I caught a glimpse of the scene as we rushed into the chamber in which we had first seen the master of the Castle of Gloom.

The lady was standing in the middle of the room, with her tangled mane bristling like an angry lion. He was, as I have said, a huge man with enormous shoulders, and as he stood there with his face flushed with rage and his sword advanced, I could not but think that in spite of all his villainous he-

had a proper figure for a grenadier. The lady lay cowering in a chair behind him. A great cross one of her white arms and a dog whip upon the floor were enough to show that our escape had hardly been in time to save her from his brutality. He gave a howl like a wolf as we broke in, and was upon us in an instant, hacking and driving, with a curse at every blow.

I have already said that the room gave no space for swordsmanship. My young companion was in front of me in the narrow passage between the table and the wall, so that I could only look on without being able to aid him. The lady knew something of his weapon, and was as fleet and active as a wildcat, but in so narrow space the weight and strength of the giant gave him the advantage. Besides, he was an admirable swordsman. His parade and riposte were as quick as lightning. Twice he touched Duroc upon the shoulder, and then as the lady slipped on a fudge, he whirled up his sword to finish him before he could recover his feet. I was quicker than he, however, and took the cut upon the pommet of my sabre.

"Excuse me," said I, "but you have still to deal with Eleanore Gerard."

He drew back and leaped against the tapestry covered wall, breathing in little hoarse gasps, for his foot living was against him.

"Take your breath," said I. "I will await your convenience."

"You have no cause of quarrel against me," he panted.

"I owe you some little attention," said I, "for having shut me up in your store-room. Besides, if all others were waiting, I see cause enough upon that lady's arm."

"Have your way, then," he snarled, and leaped at me like a madman. For a minute I saw only the blazing blue eyes, and the red glazed point which stabbed and stabbed, raining off to right or to left, and yet ever back at my throat and my breast. I had never thought that such good sword play was to be found at Paris in the days of the revolution. I do not suppose that in all my little affairs I have met six men who had a better knowledge of their weapon. But he knew that I was his master. He read death in my eyes, and I could read that he read it. The flash died from his face. His breath came in shorter and thicker gasps. Yet he fought on, even after the final thrust had come, and died still hacking and cursing with foul cries upon his lips and his blood clotting upon his orange beard. I who speak to you have seen so many battles that my old memory can scarcely contain their name, and yet of all the terrible sights which these eyes have rested upon there is none I care to think of less than that strange beard with the crimson stain in the center, from which I had drawn my sword point.

It was only afterwards that I had time to think of all this. His monstrous body had hardly crashed down upon the door before the woman in the corner sprang to her feet, clapping her hands together and screaming out in her delight. For my part I was disgusted to see a woman take delight in such a deed of blood, and I gave no thought of the terrible wrongs which must have befallen her before she could so far forget the gentleness of her sex. It was on my tongue to tell her sharply to be silent when a strange choking smell took the breath from my nostrils, and a sudden yellow glare brought out the figures of the faded hangings.

"Duroc, Duroc," I shouted, tugging at his shoulder. "The castle is on fire."

But the boy lay senseless upon the ground, exhausted by his wounds. I rushed out into the hall to see whence

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The danger came. It was our explosion which had set a light to the dry frame work of the door. Inside the store-room some of the boxes were already blazing. I glanced in, and as I did so my blood was turned to water by the sight of the powder barrels beyond and of the loose heap on the floor. It might be seconds, it could not be more than minutes, before the flames would be at the edge of it. These eyes will be closed in death, my friends, before they cease to see those crawling lines of fire and the black heap beyond.

How little I can remember of what followed. Vaguely I can recall how I rushed into the chamber of death, how I seized Duroc by one limp hand and dragged him down the hall, the woman keeping pace with me and pulling at the other arm. Out of the gateway we rushed, and on down the snow-covered path until we were on the fringe of the forest. It was at that moment that I heard a crash behind me, and glancing

around saw a great spot of fire shoot up into the winter sky. An instant later there seemed to come a second crash, far louder than the first, and I saw the fir trees and the stars whirling around me and I fell unconscious across the body of my comrade.

It was some weeks before I came to myself in the post house of Arnsworff, and longer still before I could be told all that had befallen me. It was Duroc, already able to go soldiering, who came to my bedside and gave me an account of it. He it was who told me how a piece of timber had struck me on the head and had laid me almost dead upon the ground. From him, too, I learned how the Polish girl had run to Arnsworff, how she had raised our husbands, and how she had only just brought them back in time to save us from the spears of the Cossacks, who had been summoned from their bivouac by that same black-hearted secretary whom we had seen galloping so swiftly over the snow. As to the brave lady who had twice saved our lives, I could not learn very much about her at that moment from Duroc, but when I chanced to meet him in Paris two years later after the campaign of Wagram, I was not very much surprised to find that I needed no introduction to his bride, and that by the queer turns of fortune he had himself, had he chosen to use it, the very name and title of the Baron Strabenthal, which showed him to be the owner of the blackened ruins of the Castle of Gloom.

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